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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC COURIER SERVICE WITH THE PRC

REFS: A) PEKING 747, B) STATE 221165 (NOV. 9, 1973)

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN PRC REQUEST THAT US EMBASSIES IN TOKYO, LONDON, PARIS, AND MEXICO CITY, AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT AND USLO BE AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE VISAS TO PRC DIPLOMATIC COURIERS. SEPTTEL GIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO THOSE POSTS.

2. WE AGREE WITH REF A THAT WE SHOULD NOT/NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG ISSUANCE OF VISAS AT THIS TIME, ALTHOUGH WE MAY WELL WANT TO RAISE IT AT A LATER DATE IN CONNECTION WITH A SPECIFIC CASE.

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3. WE NOTE THAT MFA HAS NOT/NOT MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF "LISTS" OF TWENTY-FIVE COURIERS AS HAD BEEN PART OF THEIR ORIGINAL PRESENTATION AND TO WHICH WE AGREED IN YOUR DECEMBER 6 MEETING. WE WOULD JUST AS SOON LEAVE THAT ISSUE ALONE, SINCE THE PRESENT PROCEDURES PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY. IF THE CHINESE RESURRECT THE IDEA OF LISTS, HOWEVER, AS WE HAVE ALREADY STATED, WE WILL AGREE TO THAT PROCEDURE.

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